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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR INDIA-BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN MEETING

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1. PAKISTAN EMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELOR RIZA RETURNED
DEPARTMENT TO CALL ON SOBER FEBRUARY 13 WITH FURTHER AIDE
MEMOIRE. KEYED TO AIDE MEMOIRE QUOTED REFTEL, SUBSTANTIVE
PORTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: IN KEEPING WITH ITS STRONG DESIRE TO BREAK THE
DEADLOCK OBSTRUCTING PROGRESS TOWARDS NORMAL RELATIONS
ON THE SUB-CONTINENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS
CONVEYED TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF INDIA AND "BANGLADESH"
THROUGH A THIRD GOVERNMENT ITS WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE
IN A TRIPARTITE MEETING AT FOREIGN MINISTERS' LEVEL BEFORE
THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT TO CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT BASED ON THE
RETURN OF THE 195 PRISONERS OF WAR AND RECOGNITION BY
PAKISTAN OF "BANGLADESH" WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE LATTER TO
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PARTICIPATE IN THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT. END QUOTE

RIZA CONFIRMED THAT "THIRD COUNTRY" IS EGYPT, AND PRESIDENT
SADAT HAD OFFERED TO HOST TRIPARTITE MEETING IN CAIRO.

2. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WHICH FOLLOWED, RIZA ASKED IF,
IN SITUATION WHICH NOW OBTAINS, US IS PREPARED TO TAKE ANY

KIND OF ACTION; HE ADDED THAT HE SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUC-
TIONS AND THAT HE ASKING QUESTION, NOT MAKING REQUEST.
RIZA GIVE HIS VIEW "IT WOULD NOT BE A BAD THING IF THE
UNITED STATES EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PROPOSED TRIPARTITE
CONFERENCE COULD BREAK DEADLOCK" ON THE RECOGNITION/195
ISSUES. SOBER NOTED HE HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED, PREVIOUS
DAY, OUR STRONG HOPES FOR SUCCESS IN RESOLVING THESE
ISSUES. WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED WHETHER, GIVEN STAGE
BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN AND INDIA NOW FIND THEMSELVES ON GOP
PROPOSAL, IF ACTION ON OUR PART MIGHT PROVE HINDRANCE
RATHER THAN HELP. SOBER SAID WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS
QUESTION.

3. AT CLOSING, RIZA ASKED IF DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY
EITHER INDIANS OR BENGALLEES OF TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE
AND WAS TOLD WE HAD NO WORD AS YET FROM EITHER DACCA
OR NEW DELHI. KISSINGER

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